this from your Affectionate
Cousins till Death

Write Soon and often
this from
Emily A Mead to
Orpha and Lucia Peabody

three Cousins all together

Send me your Likeness
Orpha and Lucia

Smithland
Feb 10th

My Dear Cousins
I take this
pleasant Opportunity of answering
yours most kind and Welcomed
letter Which came to hand some
time ago Which found us
all Well and We hope these
few lines Will find you
Enjoying your share of the
same Blessing you wanted
to know What We called
the baby We call him
William Henery Mead I
Would like to see you
and my new Cousin you

must try and come up and see us all fathes has got 29 sheep this fall he bought 31 but 2 died I went to a dance last friday night and we had a good time
Fathes got a letter from uncle Wilians Head and he said that they was all well at present I am Agoing to school this Winter We have a good time it is not very cold here now I Wish that you and Levi would send me your picture so I could see your fathes and Mothes has gone a visiting to day there has been a good deal of sickness here a While back there was three death here in 4 months

I Want you to tell me how to be a Married Woman and how you like to keep house I think you and your folks might come up and see us
I Want you to tell Henrit to write to me I Wanted like to see you all very Well I think you Was here to day With me for I am getting lonesome and I don't think I Would if you Was here I commenced this letter some time Ago but have neglected to finish it until now So I hope I am Excuseable for this time Mary is preaching to Tennite day but I did not go so I Will finish your letter you Will have to excuse a short letter for I can't think of much to Write this time

Smithland Ky Aug the 22

My Dear Cousin

I take this pleasant Opportunity of wrighting you a few lines to let you know that we are all well and Sincerely hope these few lines may find you all Enjoying the same Blessing I am in School now I wish you was here with me the plums is getting ripe thes is no nanny here but you must come up and get some of what they is

Evens my pods letter this time So good by to you all for till I see you this from your Affectionate Cousin till Death

Emily M Mead

to Orpha A Mead

I heard that you was married but I guess it aint so I saget by Orpy

Love to Aunt Charlotte and all the Sweetys Sarah's Mines

you must came as
soon as you can
for they are getting
ripe pretty fast
you must all came
& every one of you
so we may see each
other you must came
to stay a ~~little~~ long
time so we can have
a good visit for we
dont see each other
very often & have bin
wanting to came and
see you but could
never get a chance you
must be shure to came
for we want to see
you very much

this is a good
many grapes here
we have a nice school
here and Sunday School
nearly every Sunday
& have joined the church
& cant think of much
to write this time
so you will have
to excuse my short
letter this time you
must com as soon as
you get this letter
if you please & hope
we will have good
times when you
came up so you
must be shure to
came for you must

July the 2 1862

Dear sister we are all well at present and i hope these few lines will find you the same we are all a going to School we have a fine straight teacher he taught all last winter and is going to teach eleven months it has been quite a while since we last seen you i hope you have not forgotten me and i will send my best respects to you all i thought i would sit down and write you a few i wish you could have come to go to the Celebration with us we are all going to have a great celebration they are a going to have a dance and i wish i was there to go i think that Sallie will go this is the second letter that i wrote to you but i have not got any answer to either one of them but Sarah said they were all well She said that they had a little sister and she was 6 months old She was some strawberry but a very few but they are most gone they all a good many gooseberry bushes we had planted yesterday after she got done she went and got a half of a pail full of gooseberrys i and Sallie to work of my School we went to make ages and we got a good many gooseberrys i wish you was up here about to make ages we would have a strawberry barbecuing and have fun we got a letter from uncle Wm Simms last morning from Uncle Easters wife a letter to uncle John and he has not received it this week i will send you a piece of my own hair which i intended to have gone to Father got me a

remake at this time might as soon as
you get this from me my mind is easy
mead